

Murtaugh Kehoe House
708 Second Street
Portsmouth
Scioto County
Ohio

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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| STATE Ohio | COUNTY Scioto | TOWN OR VICINITY Portsmouth |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Murtaugh Kehoe House (Evans, History of Scioto County) | | HABS NO. OH-666 |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE | | |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 708 Second Street UTM Coordinates 17.326265.4288660 | | |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c.a. 1834 | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Architect unknown; Builder unknown | |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) One of few surviving vernacular style residences in the area. | | |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Vernacular | | |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Partial basement. Stone foundation. Wood frame throughout. Exterior finish of asphalt shingles. Gable and hipped roofs with asphalt shingles. | | |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Irregular plan. | | |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE One-story open frame porch with spindle railing on facade. Windows are 6/6 with plain surrounds. Boxed cornice and frieze. Middle section has gable roof, 1 1/2 stories not consistent with 2-story front section with hip roof. Small one-story addition at rear. | | |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) | | |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Apparent addition in 1871. Building apparently cut in half in 1906 to make room for construction of the Fowler Building, to the west. | | |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant. Abandoned. Largely open to weather. Heavy roof, floor and surface deterioration. | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE | | |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Evans, History of Scioto County, Portsmouth, 1903, Portsmouth City Directories of 1868-69. 1890 Census of Scioto County. Scioto County Auditor, Treasurer and Recorder Offices. | | |
| COMPILER, AFFILIATION Louis Rock, Regional Preservation Officer, Ohio Historic Preservation Office, (Transcribed by Wm. Harper, Consultant, March 1981) | | DATE December 1980 |